UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461) (P) DATE: 1/23/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
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Mr. HUGH AINSWORTH telephonically advised that he has allegedly an advance copy of the Saga Magazine, wherein one WILLIAM W. TURNER alleges that he was an Agent of the FBI for about 10½ years. Apparently this has been sent out with the idea that the local newspaper here will highlight his allegations, in addition to having the article printed in Saga.

I told Mr. AINSWORTH that I thought that some individual by that name had been an Agent, but that he had gotten into considerable difficulty and had either resigned or been dismissed, and that he had fought the matter through Civil Service and was now suing the FBI and the Department in an attempt to get reinstated. I advised him this was in strictest confidence. He stated he would like to know whether this type of information could be verified and that he would call me back in a short period of time.

I talked to Inspector ROBERT WICK. He stated that I could tell Mr. AINSWORTH confidentially and not to be quoted as far as anything from the FBI, that TURNER did work for the FBI for approximately ten years and that about one year ago, he was dismissed with prejudice for violation of rules. He subsequently took this matter up with the Civil Service Commission and that the Civil Service Commission had a hearing where both the FBI and TURNER were present, and the Civil Service Commission upheld the dismissal with prejudice. He has filed a suit in Washington in the Appeals Court there. WICK stated that if the paper wanted to verify the thing and they have a representative in Washington, they could go to the Civil Service Commission with his name, and he felt that the matter could be verified as this hearing was a matter of public record. He stressed that he didn't want AINSWORTH to be quoting us, but that if he wanted to verify it, he could do so in that manner.

At 4:30 PM HUGH AINSWORTH called and he was advised per instructions of Inspector WICK. He stated he would have his Washington representative check with Civil Service Commission.

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At 6:30 PM on 1/23/64 Assistant Director DeLoach called me and reiterated instructions that I could tell AINSWORTH that TURNER had been dismissed with prejudice and that the records with Civil Service Commission would reflect this. I again advised AINSWORTH on 1/24/64.